

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (currently amended) An information management A
~~recording/reproducing apparatus~~ according to claim 51, wherein said
reproduction disabling means ~~circuit~~ erases at least a portion of the main
information ~~transmitted signal~~ recorded on said recording medium.

3. (currently amended) An information management A
~~recording/reproducing apparatus~~ according to claim 54, wherein said
reproduction disabling means ~~circuit~~ rewrites other information ~~another signal~~
over at least a portion of the main information ~~transmitted signal~~ recorded on
said recording medium.

4. (currently amended) An information management A
~~recording/reproducing apparatus~~ according to claim 54, wherein said
reproduction disabling means ~~circuit~~ disables the main information ~~transmitted~~
~~signal~~, recorded on the recording medium, within a predetermined time after
said main information reproducer reproduces the transmitted signal.

5. (new) An information management apparatus comprising:
a receiver which receives main information;

a recorder which records said main information on a recording medium;
a main information reproducer which reproduces said main information
on said recording medium; and

a reproduction management means for managing said main
information reproducer,

wherein said reproduction management means is provided with a
reproduction disabling means for disabling operation of said main information
reproducer, and

wherein said reproduction disabling means comprises:

decision means for deciding whether the reproduction disabling
function of said reproduction disabling means is normal, and

a reproduction start refusing means for refusing a reproduction start
command requesting start of an operation for reproducing said main
information, when said decision means decides that said reproduction
disabling means is abnormal.